s17 Geometric Series Exam (Practice v40)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a = 986, common ratio $r = \left(\frac{51}{58}\right)^{1/10}$, and n = 10 terms.

$$S = 986 + 973.4 + 960.96 + 948.68 + 936.56 + 924.59 + 912.77 + 901.11 + 889.59 + 878.22$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 973.4 + 960.96 + 948.68 + 936.56 + 924.59 + 912.77 + 901.11 + 889.59 + 878.22 + 867$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 5 + 5(7) + 5(7)^{2} + 5(7)^{3} + \cdots + 5(7)^{90} + 5(7)^{91} + 5(7)^{92} + 5(7)^{93}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.